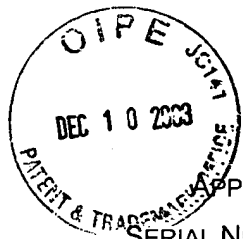


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows::

In the Specification:

Replace the first paragraph with the following new paragraph as follows:

The present disclosure is related to co-pending U.S. patent application no. 09/970,547, filed October 3, 2001, entitled, "MULTIPLE PROCESSING CHAMBER SET AND USE THEREOF, co-pending U.S. patent application no. ~~10/132,197~~, 10/232,197, filed August 28, 2002, entitled, "BLOOD PRODUCT TRANSFER SYSTEM"; and co-pending U.S. patent application no. 10/211,143, filed August 2, 2002, entitled, "PROCESSING BAG FOR COMPONENT SEPARATOR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF REMOVING SEPARATED COMPONENTS. Each of the foregoing disclosures, in their entirety, is incorporated herein by reference.

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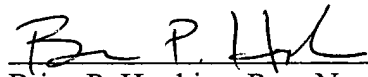
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (2 pgs.); and
- ☒ a Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. 18405-127. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212/692-6803, New York, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

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